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Electioneering Policy During Absentee and Early Voting

Chapter 54, Section 65 of the General Laws of Massachusetts prohibits "electioneering" (the display or distribution of material intended to influence the actions of voters) at or within 150 feet of the entrance of polling places at an election of federal, state, or local officers.

With the establishment of the Early Voting Period by the Legislature, the Board of Selectmen believe that Absentee Voters and Early Voters should be given the same right and opportunity to cast or obtain ballots free of electioneering activity as is enjoyed by voters who cast their vote on the day of the election.

Therefore, The Board of Selectmen adopts the following regulation for the period designated for in-person absentee voting and the Early Voting Period established by the Legislature:

No poster, card, handbill, placard, picture or circular intended to influence the action of the voter, other than those expressly authorized by G.L. c. 54 & 65, shall be posted, exhibited, circulated or distributed in or around the Designated Early Voting Place or at the Town Clerk's Office. All candidates and their representatives must observe the 150-foot rule established by Chapter 54, Section 65 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Given under our hands this 4th day of October 2021

SIGNED: Board of Selectmen

Arthur Autorino, Chairman

Aimee Eckman, Co-Chair
VICE

Remote participation

Alexander Cestaro, Clerk

Remote participation

Jared Collins

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Date: September 27, 2021

To: Select Board of Eastham

From: Cindy Nicholson, Town Clerk *CN*

Re: **Electioneering Policy during Absentee and Early Voting**

COVID has changed the way we live and vote. Early Voting is now expected by the voters and a policy has been recommended by the Secretary of the Commonwealth to keep with the requirements of Massachusetts General Law Chapter 54 Section 65, which prohibits "electioneering" to protect the voters as they enter the polling location(s).

Upon your review and approval, the new electioneering policy would state:

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Thank you